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**NOTIFICATION**

The State Government is hereby pleased to constitute the Councils for implementation of Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) for Organic Certification in the State of Sikkim. The existing Sikkim Organic Mission Cell shall be declared as Zonal Councils and District Committee for Organic Mission shall act as Regional Council which shall comprise of the following Members, namely:-

**I. Zonal Council.**

1. Chief Executive-cum-Secretary, Food Security and Agriculture Development Department	-	Chairman
2. Principal Director of Horticulture-cum-Principal Executive Director, Sikkim Organic Mission	-	Member Secretary
3. Additional Executive Director (I), Sikkim Organic Mission	-	Member;
4. Additional Executive Director (II), Sikkim Organic Mission	-	Member;
5. Joint Director (I) Sikkim Organic Mission	-	Member;
6. Joint Director (II), Sikkim Organic Mission	-	Member.

**II. The roles and responsibilities of the Zonal Council shall be as follows, namely:-**

- (1) Receipt, processing and authenticity verification of application for authorization as Regional Council.
- (2) Provide up-dated documents, policies, literature and other technical input to Regional Council for further information of local groups.

- (3) Coordinate Regional Council Training workshops.
- (4) Coordinate National Level Education and outreach activities of Participatory Guarantee System Secretariat.
- (5) Surveillance and monitoring on the functioning of Regional Council.
- (6) Compliant redressal of farmers and local groups against the functioning and actions of Regional Council.
- (7) Appellate authority on complaints of certificate denial by Regional Council or sanctions imposed by Regional Council on local groups.
- (8) Appellate authority on complaint of traders/retailers/consumers on the quality/organic integrity of Participatory Guarantee System products of particular group and action taken or inaction of Regional Council.
- (9) Collaborate Participatory Guarantee System Secretariat in collection of Participatory Guarantee System certified samples for residue analysis.

### **III. Regional Council.**

1. Additional Director, District, Food Security and Agriculture Development Department.	- Chairman;
2. Joint Director, District, Horticulture and Cash Crops Development Department	- Member Secretary;
3. Joint Director, District, Food Security and Agriculture Development Department	- Member;
4. Joint Director, District, National Resource Mission	- Member;
5. Deputy Director, District, Horticulture & Cash Crops Development Department	- Member;
6. Deputy Director, District, Food Security and Agriculture Development Department	- Member;
7. Deputy Director, District, National Resource Mission	- Member;
8. Deputy Director, District, Sub-Division	- Participatory Guarantee System facilitator (PF)
9. Agriculture Development Officer/Horticulture Development Officer/Agriculture Inspector/Horticulture Inspector/Village Level Worker Shall act as In-charge of Participatory Guarantee System Local group.	